



Sphacelaria lacustris

Brown alga

General

1. A rarity among brown algae in its tolerance for growth in freshwater environments

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Unknown; first described in the Great Lakes drainage, though considered exotic
2. Habitat:
 - Recorded from the sublittoral zone at 9—10m depth, observed growing epilithically on igneous rocks and gravel

Invasion Pathways

1. Likely ballast water release
2. Aquarium release

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=1676>